

5. Given that most of the members of this council have declared interests in the PFC and the new charity, how do you intend to satisfy the public that your decisions are putting their interests first?
6. Given the land on which the hall stands is already covered under a constitution which defines all governance, how is this to be now operated under a separate constitution?
7. The village hall has suffered from poor investment for several years and needs significant funds to bring it up to an acceptable standard. How confident are you that your intended proposals are lawful and are not perceived as an attempt to divest an asset from the PFC that is clearly a liability and pass it to another entity?
8. And how confident are you that you can successfully defend a legal challenge?

I therefore stress that these are not questions I want answers to; they are questions your parishioners are asking and want clear and unambiguous answers to.

My suggestion to you is a public meeting held before you make any firm and significant changes that may have an impact on your parishioners. If your intention is to increase the precept to fund the village hall or the new charity, it is your duty to be clear and transparent in your decision-making processes and can demonstrate that you took all reasonable steps to afford your parishioners an opportunity to engage in that process, which you parishioners have informed me has not been done so far.

Thank you!

Cllr Amanda Talbot